



Lesbian/Gay Archives of San Diego

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Dear Beth,

Though the Lesbian/Gay Archives of San Diego is nearly two years old and growing rapidly, only a small percentage of our community knows very much about the collection, its origins, and purpose. The reason for our low profile in the community is due to the fact that the Archives still does not have a home.

There is no place to put the community's treasures on public view. There are no facilities for the slide shows or video and cinema programs that we have planned. There are no work spaces or public reading rooms. Alas, the collection remains boxed and stored in the private homes of various committee members.

As you may have guessed, the major obstacle to finding a suitable home for the collection is a lack of sufficient funds. To solve this problem we have begun a community-wide pledge drive which we call the "Archives Club 100". The goal of the drive is to enlist a minimum of 100 persons who will pledge a minimum of \$10.00 per month for at least 12 months. The success of the drive will enable us to establish the financial base necessary to negotiate a lease and provide stability for developing an annual budget and establishing long-range goals.

The Lesbian/Gay Archives of San Diego has a lot to offer the community, both in terms of education, and in the promotion of pride that comes from knowing ones heritage. (Please see the enclosed statement of nature and purpose.) Below is a partial list of community leaders who have each made a pledge to the "Archives Club 100". Won't you join them in this very worthwhile community project by making your own pledge today?

Albert Bell
Al Best
Wendy Caster
James Mitsuo Cua
Benjamin Dillingham III
Rev. David Farrell

Ted Hackett
Mel Merrill
Rick Moore
George Murphy
Luke Olmsted, M.D.
Mike Portantino

Gary Rees
Rev. Pat Rocco
Frank Stiriti
Jim Woodward
Brian Yaklich

We are dedicated to putting your money to the best possible use for the growth and betterment of our community. Pledgers will receive the Archives quarterly newsletter and financial report plus a Certificate of Appreciation (suitable for display) and an I.D. card that will be honored for discounts on selected Archives events. Your response will make a difference. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in the struggle,

Jess

R. "Jess" Jessop
Founder/Coordinator

P.S.: It's time to bring the Archives out of the closet! Your pledge is vital in achieving this next history-making advance.

THE LESBIAN & GAY ARCHIVES OF SAN DIEGO

The Reason

Most lesbians and gay men grow up feeling a sense of cultural isolation. Lesbian/gay studies simply do not exist in high schools and are extremely rare in colleges and universities. World-wide homophobia has resulted in the denial of homosexuality in women and men who have made great contributions to the human community. As a result, lesbians and gay men are cut off from their heritage. Many are unaware of events as little as ten or fifteen years ago that shaped their present-day lives. Knowledge of lesbian/gay achievement in the fields of science, medicine, education, religion, art, government, and sports is almost totally absent.

The Purpose

The Lesbian & Gay Archives of San Diego was founded in 1987 by concerned San Diegans to combat this great information deficit by uncovering, preserving, and teaching lesbian/gay history. The contributions of lesbians and gay men to regional and world culture shall be elucidated through the following programs:

- (1) Establishment of a library of printed, audio, and video materials that document lesbian/gay history.
- (2) Collection of lesbian/gay liberation movement memorabilia and artifacts.
- (3) Teaching of lesbian/gay history through a variety of speaking engagements, seminars and exhibits.
- (4) Collection and display of lesbian/gay art.
- (5) Research of local lesbian/gay history.
- (6) Establishment of archival service to local lesbian/gay organizations.

The Goals

Before the end of 1989 the Lesbian and Gay Archives of San Diego plans to achieve the following:

- (1) Promote community support for the establishment of the collection.
- (2) Establish a central location to house the collection.
- (3) Recruit and train volunteers for archival work.
- (4) Conduct fund-raising activities to support the various programs.

The State Of The Archives

Currently, the materials of the Lesbian & Gay Archives of San Diego are stored in private homes throughout San Diego. The collection grows continuously through the acquisition of donations from private collections and from the daily documentation of events and news items concerning lesbians and gay men. The Archives Planning Committee is in the process of inventorying and organizing these materials so that they can be brought together in a central location and made accessible to the public. To that end, the following work groups have been established:

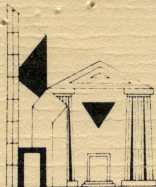
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| (1) AIDS History Project | (7) Movement Memorabilia |
| (2) Audio-video Materials | (8) Organization Profiles |
| (3) Art / Theatre | (9) Periodicals |
| (4) Books | (10) Pride Collection |
| (5) Individual Profiles | (11) Research |
| (6) Military | (12) Sports |

The Needs Of The Archives

The two greatest needs of the Archives are people and funds. Volunteers are needed in every aspect of collecting, cataloging, organizing, planning and teaching. Funds are urgently needed to support these activities. Those who would like to support the Archives by donating time, materials or money, may call 619-280-7411 or write S.A.G.E. of California, Inc.—Archives Committee, Post Office Box 4186, San Diego, California 92104.

The Association With S.A.G.E. of California, Inc.

The Lesbian & Gay Archives of San Diego is functioning under the auspices of S.A.G.E. of California, Inc. as the "Archives Committee" for fiscal purposes. Application for state and federal tax-exempt status for the Lesbian & Gay Archives of San Diego as a separate and independent agency is currently being processed. The Archives Committee is grateful to S.A.G.E. of California, Inc. for their support during this part of our growth.



ARCHIVES CLUB 100

YES, I'D BE HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE
ARCHIVES CLUB 100

ENCLOSED IS MY FIRST MONTHLY PLEDGE MADE OUT TO:

S.A.G.E. OF CA-ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

☐ \$10.00 ☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$50.00 ☐ OTHER _____

☐ YOU MAY USE MY NAME TO PROMOTE THE DRIVE

NAME _____

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PHONE _____ SIGNATURE _____